LIST OF CLAIMS WITH TEXT OF ALL ACTIVE CLAIMS: The following is a list in numerical order of all claims that were ever in the application with appropriate status designations and the text of all active and withdrawn claims.

1.   to 12 (Canceled)

13.   (Original) A device for dispensing pet treats at a plurality of selected times during a predetermined period, comprising:

a container for holding a plurality of the pet treats;

a time controlled dispenser for dispensing a plurality of the pet treats from said container said time controlled dispenser including a microprocessor and an input device, said input device to signal said microprocessor to calculate a schedule for dispensing said pet treats, said microprocessor including a program to automatically calculate said schedule for dispensing the pet treats, said schedule constituting a first terminal interval, a second terminal interval, and at least one middle interval provided between said first and second terminal intervals, said schedule allowing the dispensing of at least one pet treat at the end of said first terminal interval and at least one pet treat at the beginning of said second terminal interval, wherein at least one of said terminal intervals is always less than the average time duration of all of said intervals.

14. (Original) The device of claim 13 wherein said pet treats are pet comestibles.

15. (Original) The device of claim 13 wherein said pet treats are pet toys.

16. (Original) The device of claim 15 wherein said pet toys each contain a pet comestible.

17. (Original) The device of claim 13 wherein said dispenser dispenses a plurality of said pet treats in rapid succession.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) The device of claim 13, said time controlled dispenser further including a means for generating an audio signal prior to the dispensing of at least one of said pet treats.

20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A device for dispensing a preselected plurality of pet treats at a corresponding predetermined plurality of dispensing times during a predetermined time period, comprising:
a container for holding a plurality of pet treats;
a time-controlled dispenser for dispensing said predetermined plurality of pet treats;
said time-controlled dispenser including a microprocessor and an input device;
said input device arranged to allow a user to enter said predetermined time period into said
        microprocessor;
said microprocessor including a program for causing said time-controlled dispenser to dispense
        said predetermined plurality of pet treats at said respective predetermined plurality of
        dispensing times;
said predetermined plurality of dispensing times occurring pseudo-randomly and being
        sufficiently spaced so that when said predetermined time period is divided into equal
        intervals, where the number of said equal intervals is equal to said predetermined
        plurality of dispensing times, a pet treat will be dispensed in a majority of said equal
        intervals; and
whereby said treats will be dispensed pseudo-randomly but not too closely in time so as to
        maintain a pet's interest over said predetermined time period

22. (New) The device of claim 21 wherein said pet treats are pet comestibles.

23. (New) The device of claim 21 wherein said pet treats are pet toys.

24. (New) The device of claim 23 wherein said pet toys each contain a pet comestible.

25. (New) The device of claim 21 wherein said time-controlled dispenser dispenses a plurality of said pet treats at any one of said dispensing times.

26. (New) The device of claim 21, said time-controlled dispenser further includes a device for generating an audio signal prior to the dispensing of at least one of said pet treats.

27. (New) A method of dispensing a preselected plurality of pet treats from a container including a microprocessor and an input device at a predetermined plurality of dispensing times during a predetermined time period, comprising the steps of:

signaling, through use of said input device, the microprocessor to calculate a schedule to dispense said pet treats;

calculating, through the use of said microprocessor, said schedule to dispense said pet treats during said predetermined time period at a predetermined plurality of dispensing times which are pseudo-random and sufficiently spaced so that when said predetermined time period is divided into equal intervals, where the number of said equal intervals is equal to said predetermined plurality of dispensing times, a pet treat will be dispensed in a majority of said respective equal intervals; and

dispensing said pet treats according to said schedule.

28. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein said pet treats are pet comestibles.

29. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein said pet treats are pet toys.

30. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein said pet toys each contain a pet comestible.

31. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein a plurality of said pet treats are dispensed in rapid succession.

32. (New) The method of claim 27, further including the step of producing an audio signal prior to the dispensing of at least one of said pet treats.